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FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds released by the Union Government to State Governments particularly to State Government of Bihar for the development of forests during the last three years;

(b) the works undertaken by the State Government of Bihar using the aforesaid funds;

(c) whether there is a delay in releasing the funds by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) The National Afforestation and Eco-development Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme aimed at regeneration of degraded forests and fringe areas, through a two tier institutional set-up of Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) at the district level and Joint Forest Management Committees at the village level. The State-wise details of funds released by the National Afforestation and Eco-development Board to the FDAs, including those in Bihar, during the last three years, are given in the annexure.

(b) Ten FDA projects have been approved in Bihar State. The FDAs have undertaken Afforestation as well as related activities like soil and moisture conservation, fencing,Entry Point Activities, monitoring and Evaluation, utilizing the fund.

(c)&(d) Funds are released to FDA projects on receipt of appropriate proposals alongwith satisfactory utilization of the funds released earlier and other requisite documents like progress report, audit report etc. The release is further subject to availability of fund with National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board during the financial year.